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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with the Secretary of Defense,
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13. I didn't raise the SCI numbers. I'd like to have someone go back and get one more piece of data informally from DIA. They indicate in Tighe's letter of August that they will, by the end of March of last year, have 29 communications consolidations completed out of 139 or 20%. I'd be interested in what number they have actually done by February 1979 and what number they expect to have completed by the end of this year. (S)

Note that 20% requires 1,790 total clearances as opposed to the 5,800 that they are now asking for. In short, I'd like to look at how it scales--that is, if 100% is 8,950 they are now asking, in Duncan's letter, for 2,800. I'd like to see if scaling the percentage they will have completed by the end of this year would by any chance come to less than 2,800. I would then like to have a letter prepared authorizing the numbers that Duncan has requested (assuming that the scaling doesn't narrow that down) but pointing out that the total requested of 17,157 is only ____ (about 4%) of the total existing clearances. I feel that that amount must be available from reviewing clearances that used to be needed and no longer are, and request that they work with the Chairman of the DCI Security Committee on commencing a zero-based review of all of their codeword clearances. Moreover, I view this as a first step towards the new clearance program. (S)

STANSFIELD TURNER
Director

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